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TAGS: PINS, YE
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF FORMER YEMENI PRIME MINISTER
IN LONDON

1. FORMER YEMENI PRIME MINISTER QADI ABDULLA AL HAJRI, HIS WIFE FATIMAH, AND YEMENI EMBASSY MINISTER ABDALLAH HAMMAMI WERE SHOT AND KILLED OUTSIDE ROYAL LANCASTER HOTEL IN CENTRAL LONDON APRIL 10. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, KILLER WAS "OF MIDDLE EASTERN APPEARANCE", SLIM, 5FT. 8IN. TO 5FT. 10IN. TALL. COMMANDER NEVILL, HEAD OF SCOTLAND YARD ANTI-TERRORIST SQUAD, IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT AFTER THE SHOOTING, ABOUT 11 A.M., THE MAN RAN TOWARDS HYDE PARK, AND THAT THE "SHOOTING HAD THE HALLMARKS OF A TRAINED KILLER BOTH BY WHAT THE MAN DID AND HIS COOLNESS IN MAKING HIS ESCAPE." KILLING OCCURRED DURING LONG EASTER BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND HERE. NEVILL AND OTHERS WERE RECALLED FROM LEAVE, AND POLICE FROGMEN UNSUCCESSFULLY SEARCHED THE LAKES IN HYDE PARK FOR THE MURDER WEAPON. BODIES WERE FLOWN BACK TO YEMEN.

2. AS OF AFTERNOON APRIL 12, ACCORDING TO FCO DESK OFFICER FOR YEMEN, RADCLIFFE, THERE ARE NO REAL CLUES
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YET. RADCLIFFE SPECULATED THAT "IT WAS PROBABLY AN INTERNAL YEMENI AFFAIR", AND SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO INDICATIONS THAT THE SHOOTING HAD BEEN INSTIGATED BY PDRY.

3. INCIDENT HAS BEEN EXHAUSTIVELY COVERED BY LONDON PRESS. WE PROPOSE TO POUCH COPIES OF MAJOR NEWS STORIES TO DEPARTMENT AND SANA, AND PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION

FROM HMG WILL BE GLAD TO TRY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS BY
TELEGRAM.

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